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1. AT AIR WEAPONS TRAINING CENTER USERS MEETING HELD IN BRUSSELS DURING WEEK OF 26 NOV 73, US AND UK REPRESENTATIVES RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING REFERENCE ITEM. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT USER CONCERN IS TO HAVE FACILITY WHICH WILL PROVIDE FAMILIAR DIET UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH USERS CAN CONTROL IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT PILOTS DO NOT BECOME UNEXPECTEDLY ILL DURING FLIGHT, CAUSING POSSIBLE LOSS OF AIRCRAFT CONTROL.

2. MISSION IS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS CONCERN, BUT NOTES THAT THERE ARE REAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE AGREEDUPON PROGRAM AT THIS STATE. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM REFERENCE, COMBINED MESS FOR ALL PERSONNEL WAS CLEARLY SPE-CIFIED AND AGREED TO BY ALL CONCERNED. FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION OF REFERENCE DOCUMENT BY P&P COMMITTEE LAST SPRING, HOST
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NATION HAS PROCEEDED THRU DESIGN STAGE TO ICB, AND BIDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SUBMITTED FOR PLANNED BID OPENING ON 20 DEC 73.

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3. BECAUSE ANY ATTEMPT TO DELAY CONTRACT AWARD COULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COSTS WHICH GREECE DOES NOT WISH TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR UNILATERALLY, GREECE IS BRINGING MATTER TO P&P COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION. ANTICIPATE ITEM WILL BE ON AGENDA FOR 13 DECEMBER 73. GREEK DELEGATION HAS PROVIDED US MISSION WITH ADVANCE DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED NOTE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. STATEMENT TO P&P COMMITTEE - MESS FACILITIES AT TYMBAKION AIRFIELD - 30 NOV 73.

1. THE MESSING FACILITIES FOR TYMBAKION AIRFIELD HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND AUTHORIZED AS A SINGLE BUILDING, UTILIZING A LARGE CENTRAL KITCHEN AND THREE SEPARATE DINING HALLS, DIVIDING PERSONNEL ACCORDING TO RANK. THIS LAYOUT WAS ORIGINALLY AGREED BY THE USER NATION AND THE PROJECT, AS AUTHORIZED, IN UNDER BIDDING. 2. THE USERS HAVE NOW REQUESTED A RE-DESIGN TO PROVIDE TWO SEPARATE MESSING FACILITIES, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE JOINTLY OPERATED BY THEM, INSTEAD OF THE SINGLE BUILDING. 3. THE ADDITIONAL COST OF SEPARATE BUILDINGS IS ESTIMATED AT 10,000,000 DR AND A DELAY OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF A FIRM DECISION MUST BE ANTICIPATED. 4. THE HOST NATION, SHAPE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF DO NOT SUPPORT THE NECESSITY FOR SEPARATE MESSING FACILITIES. THE USER NATION'S JUSTIFICATION AT THE JOINT MEETING ON 28TH, 29TH NOV 73 WAS INSUFFICIENT TO ALTER THE NON-SUPPORT POSITION. END OF QUOTE.

4. MISSION ANTICIPATES USERS WILL BE QUERIED AT P&P MEETING AS TO WHETHER THEY CAN GUARANTEE TO PAY ANY INCREASED COSTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCURRED IF PRESENT PROCUREMENT IS DELAYED OR CANCELLED. IF USERS CAN SO CONFIRM, COMMITTEE MIGHT BE WILLING TO DELAY PROGRAM PENDING FURTHER REVIEW, OR AGREED TO CURRENT USER PROPOSALS WITH A LUMP SUM AUTHORIZATION BASED ON ESTIMATED COST OF PRESENTLY AGREED-UPON FACILITY. KEY, HOWEVER, WOULD BE USER ABILITY TO GIVE SUCH GUARANTEE. FAILING THIS, MISSION SEES LITTLE CHANCE THAT COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE TO DELAY PROJECT BEYOND EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT BIDS (A DATE WHICH GREEK AUTHORITIES ARE BEING ASKED TO

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DETERMINE, BUT WHICH IS NOT YET KNOWN HERE).

5. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO COB 12 DECEMBER, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF USER FUNDS. SIMILAR QUESTION BEING ASKED OF UK AUTHORITIES BY UK DELEGATION. RUMSFELD

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